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SAN ANTONIO BUSINESSWOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 46-year-old Pamela Beasley White of San Antonio, Texas, owner and operator of Multi Family Services, was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison for committing health care fraud and money laundering. In addition to her prison term, White was ordered to pay \$288,672.36 restitution to the Texas Medicaid program. She also has agreed to forfeit to the government \$100,000 plus her house and property located at 14203 Wetmore Bend in San Antonio.

On October 3, 2003, White admitted that from February 2001 through May 2003, she defrauded Medicaid of over \$275,000. In her scheme, White created and submitted false and fraudulent Medicaid claims seeking reimbursement for face-to-face case management visits with Medicaid eligible patients when in fact: 1) the identified client did not have special health care needs; 2) the visit was brief, casual, or merely a telephonic conversation; and/or 3) the visit never took place. White also admitted that she used the proceeds of her scheme to purchase a house and make a \$19,478.61 payment.

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Assistant United States Attorney Kevin McClendon is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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